

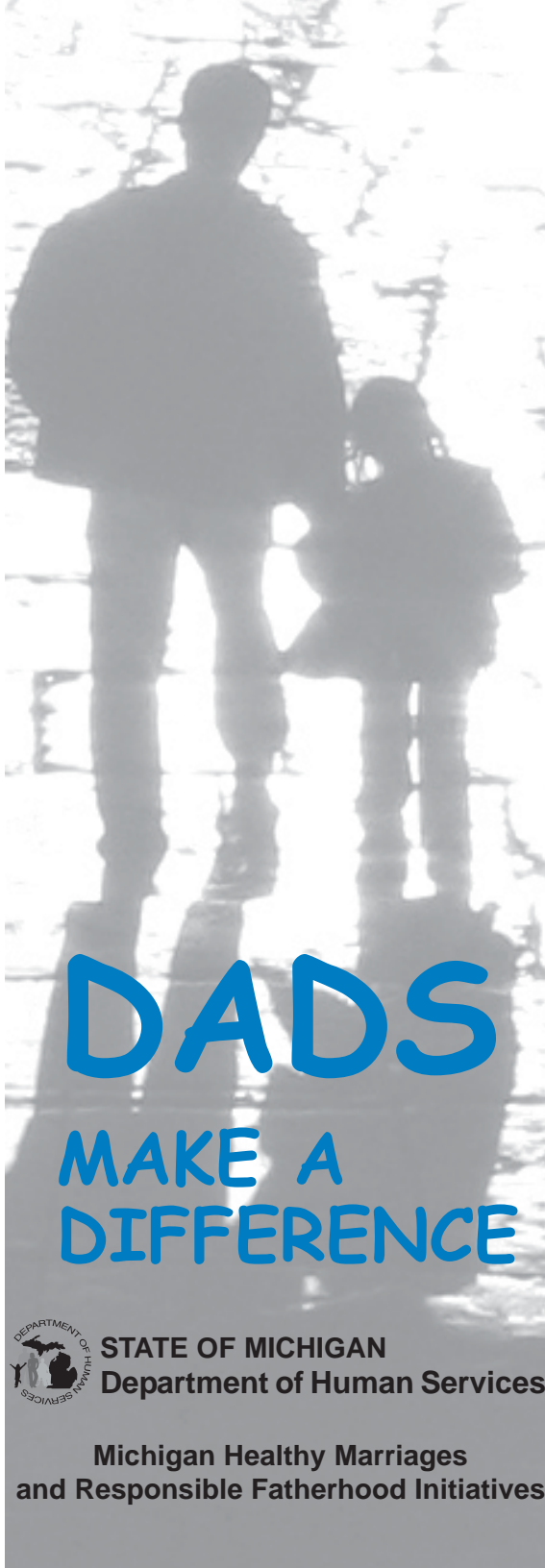
You have what it  
takes to be a  
**GREAT DAD!**



The Michigan Department of Human Services is committed to helping parents reach their full potential. If you are interested in finding out about male parenting programs in your area, please contact your local DHS office or the office listed below.

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*“A father is the most important  
man in a child’s life!”*

Take the **“GREAT DAD”** Quiz!

1. Do I take the time to individually talk to my child?
2. Do I discipline with love?
3. Do I teach my child?
4. Do I share mealtimes with my child?
5. Do I read to my child?
6. Do I show affection to my child?
7. Do I show respect to my child’s mom?
8. Am I a positive role model for my child?
9. Do I realize that my job as a dad is never done?
10. Do I enjoy being my child’s dad?

Fathers who live with  
their children are more  
likely to have a close,  
long lasting relationship  
with their children than  
those who do not.





## BE THE BEST DAD YOU CAN BE ...

Get involved, attend parenting classes, tell your children that you love them and enjoy some fun with your children...start now to be “the best dad you can be.”

The payoff for you can be a life-long relationship with your child...the payoff for your child can be life-long success!

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Involved Dads provide love, positive influence, emotional support and financial support.

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## CHILDREN NEED INVOLVED FATHERS

Dad, **YOU** are a role model to your children.  
Is there anything you'd like to change?

### Responsible Fathers are Men Who:

- Put their children's interests before their own.
- **Serve as role models to their children (leading by example).**
- Play an active role in the emotional and academic development of their children.
- **Separate problems in other relationships from relationships with their children.**
- Fulfill their financial obligations on a timely and consistent basis.

Always recognize the things your child does well and  
**COMPLIMENT,  
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### Involved Dads Have Children Who are:

#### *Less likely to...*

- **Be involved with drugs and alcohol.**
- **Become involved in illegal activities.**
- **Become teenage parents.**

#### *More likely to...*

- **Succeed in school.**
- **Obtain and succeed in a career of choice.**
- **Be involved parents themselves.**

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**Positively Involved Dads = Improved Lives for Children**